

I am writing in opposition to RM-10783, which proposes the elimination of Element One from all Amateur Radio Service testing. While the use of Morse Code/continuous wave has declined in all radio services, there are still important aspects regarding the Amateur Radio Service. First, it allows the new operator to become familiar with keeping his signal within allowable bandwidth in a mode which has a tight bandwidth to begin with -- less likely that he will stray outside of our allotted frequencies with an improperly modulated signal. Second, there is no other mode in amateur in which a signal can be put on the air with less equipment -- I can have a complete, small CW station, antenna and batteries in a size smaller than a backpack -- and this remains a worthy part of emergency communications, despite other modes which have proliferated.